

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 37-39 have been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the pre-stored images on the server have been pre-stored by a device other than the portable communication terminal.

In addition, claims 37-39 have been amended to emphasize that the "caller's number" is the number of the portable communication terminal.

Still further, claim 37 has been amended at line 3 to correct the informality pointed out by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered and that the rejection of claim 37 under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 37 was rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 6,167,469 ("Safai et al"), and claims 38 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Safai et al, USP 6,348,972 ("Taniguchi et al") and

USP 6,553,240 ("Devarics"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that Safai et al discloses a column 15, lines 33-40 thereof that a storage device 614 may be associated with the server, and that the camera owner may use the camera 100 to upload images to a storage account dedicated to the camera owner on the storage device 614. In addition, as noted by the Examiner, according to Safai et al the camera owner may also use the camera 100 to retrieve images from the camera owner's account on the storage device 614, so that the stored images may be viewed using the camera 100.

Based on this disclosure in Safai et al, the Examiner asserts that Safai et al discloses pre-stored images on a server in the manner of the present invention as recited in independent claims 37-39.

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that according to Safai et al the account on the storage device 614 provided to the camera owner is an account dedicated to the camera owner. That is, according to Safai et al, a photo album maintenance service is provided to a user who registers with the server 601 with a unique user name and password. The camera owner may then upload images to the camera owner's own account, and the camera owner can retrieve uploaded images from the camera owner's own

account. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Safai et al merely disclose that a camera owner may store and retrieve his or her own photos via the server 601 and storage device 614.

By contrast, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 37-39, the portable communication terminal is connected to a server through a network, and thumbnails corresponding to pre-stored images on the server are displayed on the portable communication terminal. Significantly, as clarified in amended independent claims 37-39, according to the present invention the pre-stored images were pre-stored by a device other than the portable communication terminal. The portable communication terminal can then select one or more of the thumbnails and an image corresponding to the selected thumbnail is stored in association with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal.

With this structure, images provided by web servers through the Internet, for example, as described in the Background of the Invention section of the specification, can be viewed by the portable communication terminal and associated with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal.

It is respectfully submitted that Safai et al, by contrast, merely discloses providing a photo album service to store a camera owner's own images, and it is respectfully submitted that Safai et al does not disclose, teach or suggest viewing thumbnails and relating images corresponding to the thumbnails to

a caller's number of a portable communication terminal, wherein the thumbnails correspond to pre-stored images on a server that were pre-stored by a device other than the portable communication terminal, in the manner of the claimed present invention.

The Examiner also asserts that Safai et al discloses acquiring a caller's number of a portable communication terminal at column 13, lines 54-65 thereof.

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that according to Safai et al, "user information" is sent to the server 601, and the user information may include, generally, the name, address, telephone number, serial number and passcode corresponding to the user. Thus, Safai et al merely refers generally to a telephone number, and Safai et al discloses that the telephone number may identify the user.

By contrast, according to the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 37-39, a specific caller's number of the portable communication terminal is acquired, and a selected image corresponding to a selected thumbnail is stored in association with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal (that itself has made the call).

It is respectfully submitted that the general disclosure of a user's telephone number as being part of "user identification" that identifies a user according to Safai et al does not at all correspond to the feature of the present invention as recited in independent claims 37-39 whereby a caller's number of the

portable communication terminal is acquired, and a selected image corresponding to a selected thumbnail is stored in association with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal that itself has made the call.

Indeed, it is respectfully pointed out that according to the present invention one or more images from a plurality of pre-stored images on a server (that have been pre-stored by a device other than the portable communication terminal) are selectively selected to be stored in association with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal. By contrast, according to Safai et al, the "user information" is merely transmitted with photos to the server (column 13, line 66 to column 14, line 2), and all of the photos in a camera owner's photo album are associated with the camera owner via user information. And it is respectfully submitted that Safai et al does not disclose, teach or suggest selectively associating one or more of a plurality of images pre-stored on a server with a caller's number of a portable communication terminal, in the manner of the present invention as recited in independent claims 37-39.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Taniguchi et al and Dervarics are no more pertinent to the above-described features of the claimed present invention than Safai et al.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claims 37-39 clearly patentably distinguishes over Safai et al,

taken singly or in combination with Taniguchi et al and Dervarics,
under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the
passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the
undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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